



**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF BLACK MALES
NOTICE OF MEETING**

**Wednesday, July 7, 2015
5:30 P.M.**

**Hooker Conference Room #245, City Hall
401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, IN**

AGENDA

1. Introductions (if necessary)
2. Request for Additional Agenda Items
3. Approval of Minutes – June 10, 2015
4. New Business
 - A. CSBM staff liaison power point presentation on CSBM vision
 - B. Programs and upcoming events
5. Old Business
 - A. JDAI meeting update
 - B. Results from meeting with Scott Dolson, IUB *Assistant Athletic Director*
 - C. Membership/vacancies
6. Announcements
7. Adjournment

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Meeting Minutes

**WEDNESDAY, June 10, 2015
5:35 P.M.**

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Members Present: Cornelius Wright, Greg Tourner, Valeri Haughton, David Hummons and Cedric Harris **Guests:** **Staff:** Rafi Khalid Hasan II, Safe and Civil City Director,

Approval of Minutes - April 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes - approved 5 - 0.

Old Business

April 11th Community Health and Wellness Fair

Commission Liaison (CL) Rafi Hasan discussed the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI). The JDAI as a work group that is comprised of community stakeholders. Commissioner Haughton elaborated on the program being targeted at at-risk youth (youth who have done something that has brought them to the attention of the courts) that will be placed on informal probation or supervised probation. The point of JDAI is to figure out something to do with at-risk youth rather than get locked up it gives an opportunity. CL stated that the JDAI requested one of the Commissioners from the CSBM to attend. The JDAI has had two meetings. The last meeting focused on placed. The next meeting of the JDAI will be on June 25 at 9am - 10:30am Monroe County Probation building (214 W. 7th Street Ste 200).

CL indicated that he would like to review the minutes of the second meeting with the Commissioner who would attend the meetings. Commission Haughton requested not to be the individual necessarily sitting at the table consider her status as a standing judge with Monroe County. Commissioner Wright stated that he would represent the commission at the JDAI. Commissioner Hummons indicated that he would also like to attend JDAI meetings.

Chairman Wright asked about ideas for future health fairs. Commissioner Hummons mentioned that our local community presents a great challenge than a city the size of Indianapolis which has many more Black barbershops than Bloomington.

The question was posed: *How do we focus on students at the University and determine a strategy to get Black males on campus involved in the health fair and screenings?* Chairman Wright talked to Maddie

White in Athletics about collaborating with athletics and she was interested in working with the CSBM.

Chairman Wright indicated that his plans to set up a meeting with Scott Dolson, Associate Athletic Director, to let him know about this initiative.

Commissioner Hummons asked about whether the CSBM will continue to work on its relationship with Big Brothers Big Sisters. Commissioners will continue the discussion.

Programs and upcoming

Vision of CSBM from Commissioners

Rafi met with commissioners to get answers to some of the questions below. He still has to meet with Commissioner Haughton and then he will make a formal presentation at a future meeting. Some of the questions he asked were:

What is the identity of the CSBM?

What is the relationship with the Mayor's office and the Common Council?

How does the CSBM understand its relationship with Black males in the community?

What is the CSBM relationship with community stakeholders?

CSBM commissioners are here as a brain trust to look at issues affecting Black males in Bloomington. So far, many commissioners have all talked about some kind of summer educational program. What about young people who just want to learn things?

What is the CSBM's power? What about a budget for the CSBM?

Rafi mentioned that there has to be a way to be connected with young people in the community. There is a group of 12-20 year old GLBTQ (Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, Transgender, Queer) students who are primed to have their voices heard. In Rafi's perspective, commissioners should be piped in with the young people about being involved with civic action and civic engagement.

Membership/Vacancies

Mayoral vacancy and Council vacancy: John McCluskey is interested. Rafi stated that he has made contact with Terrance Thomas, youth worker at the Banneker Center and IU football coach was also suggested.

Commissioner Wright mentioned whether people could still apply for expungement. Commissioner Haughton stated yes, however there are still glitches. It is on paper but it has not been determined how it will work in practice just yet. Stay tuned.

Other Business

Announcements

There is some interest to get together a group of people to address racial profiling and racially impacted interactions in the community with the intent to avoid things that have been happening across the country. CL is working with local community members to begin collecting data to document encounters citizens primarily have with the police.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Next meeting is July 8, 2015 at 5:30pm